(*b*) whether it is a fact that college students of the V.R. College, Nellore, have been and are subjected to Police surveillance for having participated in anti-detention agitation?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—"(*a*) The answer to the first part of this clause is 'No'. The second part does not arise.

"(*b*) No."

Irrigation under the Peruvalai and Ayyan channels, Lalgudi taluk.

* 936 *Q.*—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representation was received from the ryots of Lalgudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, regarding closure of several irrigation sluices in the upper riparian region of Peruvalai and Ayyan channels; and also the special treatment to certain lands and the consequent loss to others and if so, what action has been taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Several representations against closure of the upper sluices of the channels were received. Owing to the failure of the monsoon and the unprecedented low flows in the Cauvery during the last irrigation season, the available supplies had to be distributed equitably through a turn system, in the working of which the upper sluices of the channels had to be closed for some days in the week to pass down supplies to the tail-end ayacut. Complaints about insufficiency of supplies to certain lands and special treatment of others were looked into and were found to be baseless in most cases and relief was given where necessary."

SRI N. RAJAGOPAL :—" May I know what the number of days is on which the sluices were closed and whether any favouritism was shown to certain persons; if so, Sir, may I know why? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already said that no favouritism was shown and wherever complaints were taken to the notice of the authorities, they were examined and they were found to be baseless and not valid."

Supervisor in the Highways Department in South Kanara.

* 937 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a supervisor of the Highways Department was posted to the Panchayat department in South Kanara;

(*b*) whether he has joined duty so far; and

(*c*) if not, what arrangements have been made by the Government to post a substitute?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.